

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>[Signature]</i>	Application Number	10/003,756
	Filing Date	November 1, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Schuh et al
	Group Art Unit	3729
	Examiner Name	D. Nguyen
	Attorney Docket Number	P99,0663-02

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 3, 2005
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

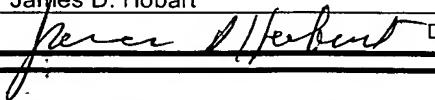
- a. Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 501519.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 02/08/2005 ANAB11 00000132 10003756
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Checks in the amount of \$790 (filing fee) and \$120 (extension fee) enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO 2038 enclosed)

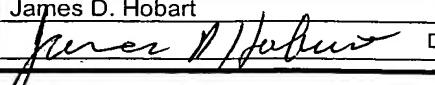
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	James D. Hobart	Registration No. Attorney/Agent	24,149
Signature			

Date February 4, 2005

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Date February 4, 2005

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